

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF TELEVISION CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any review has been conducted by the Government regarding the necessity of various Television (TV) Channels operating in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of the TV Channels sanctioned by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, channel-wise;
- (e) the details of proposals pending with the Government at present alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (ADDITIONAL CHARGE) (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) & (c): No need has been felt in this regard.

(d) : 25 private satellite TV channels were permitted to be uplinked from India during the year 2005, 37 during the year 2006, 72 during the year 2007 and 91 during the year current year up to 13.10.2008 as per uplinking guidelines and 2 TV channels, uplinked from abroad, were permitted to downlink in India during the year 2006, 5 during the year 2007 and 53 during the current year up to 13.10.2008. The lists of such channels are at Annexure-I.

(e) : As on date, applications of 168 TV channels for permission to uplink TV channels from India and applications of 33 TV channels, those uplinked from abroad, for permission to downlink in India are at various stages of scrutiny in accordance with the existing uplinking and downlinking guidelines. The lists of these channels are at Annexure-II.

(f) : No definite time frame can be indicated as the process includes inter-Ministerial consultation with other concerned Ministries.